## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services - Sri A.Venkata Ramana, the then Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram and 5 other Superintending Engineers - Committed dereliction of duties amounting to misconduct — Departmental proceedings initiated - Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.IV.1) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O.RT.No</u>: 455 <u>Dated:01.04.2009</u>. Read the following:-

- G.O.RT.No: 1173, I &CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept., Dated.06.09.08.
- 2. G.O.RT.No: 1176, I&CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept., Dated.06.09.08.
- 3. G.O.RT.No: 1178, I&CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept. Dated.06.09.08.
- 4. G.O.RT.No:1179, I&CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept., Dated.06.09.08.
- 5. G.O.RT.No: 1180, I&CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept., Dated.06.09.09.
- 6. G.O.RT.No: 1175, I&CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept.. Dated.06.09.08.
- 7. G.O.RT.No: 1220, I&CAD (Ser.IV.1) Dept. Dated.10.09.08
- 8. Written Statement of Defence received from Sri A.Venkata Ramana, the then S.E., I.C., Dowlaiswaram dated: 27.9.2008.
- 9. Written Statement of Defence received from Sri K.V.S.L.N.Raju, the then S.E., I.C., Dowlaiswaram, dated: 27.9.2008.
- 10. Written Statement of Defence received from Sri K.Sita Rama Swamy, the then S.E. (Retired), I.C., Dowlaiswaram dated: 06.10.2008.
- 11. Written Statement of Defence received from Sri C.V.Rama Murthy, the then S.E. (Retd), I.C., Dowlaiswaram dated: 09.10.2008.
- 12. Written Statement of Defence received from Sri K.Vijaya Rama Raju, S.E.(Retired), I.C., Dowlaiswaram dated: 03.11.2008.

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In the references 1st to 6<sup>th</sup> read above, articles of charges have been framed against the following the then Superintending Engineers, Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram for their dereliction of duty amounting to misconduct during their incumbency i.e. due to non compliance of the High Court orders dated: 9.3.2004 in W.P.No: 10021/2002 filed by the Contractor for refund of EMD etc., would entail payment of interest at 12% from 8.2.2002 the date on which the tender of L1 was accepted.

- 1. Sri A. Venkata Ramana,
- 2. Sri K.V.S.L.N.Raju,
- 3. Sri K.Sita Rama Swamy,
- 4. Sri C.V.Rama Murthy,
- 5. Sri K. Vijaya Rama Raju,
- 6. Sri B.Sitaramaiah.
- 2. The above charged officers from SI. No: 1 to 5 have submitted their written statement of defences in the references 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> read above, stating that they have held the charge of Superintending Engineers are very short period and non implementation of court orders in time rightly rest with their predecessors. So it is not correct to level charge for the lapse of others on them. They are all denied the charged leveled against them and requested to drop the charge.

- 3. Government after examining the written statement of defences of the charged officers and observed that it is evident that the orders of the Hon'ble High Court were communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram during the incumbency of Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao. However, owing to Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, getting promoted and handing over charge almost immediately, the action in right earnest could not be initiated for the payment of the Principal amount. Thereafter a series of incumbents in quick succession, most of them holding only FAC in addition to their regular duties, each for a span of few months, were looking after the affairs of the circle. This quick succession of incumbents and the FACs created a communication gap, which caused the delay in implementing the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, and finally culminated in levy of interest on the principal amount to be paid. Thus, it is more of a system failure than the fault of any individual incumbent.
- 4. Government after careful examination of the matter, the charges framed against the above charged officers mentioned at para (1) above, is hereby dropped and the matter stands closed.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

## S.P.TUCKER PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Through Engineer-in-Chief (AW) Hyderabad

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

**SECTION OFFICER**